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**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.****Restrictions imposed against Hongkong.**

Chief Quarantine Officer Fox, at Manila, reports June 14:

The quarantine imposed by this office against Amoy had the effect of diverting travel to Hongkong, at which point passengers embarked for the Philippine Islands. While the voyage from Amoy to Manila via Hongkong can not be made in less than 5 days, even under favorable conditions, this interval was not regarded as affording absolute protection to the islands. At the same time, there was an apparent increase of plague in the city of Hongkong. It is understood that all of the cases to date have been confined to a Chinese quarter of the city, and are well isolated, and that there have been no cases of plague among Europeans. Many Chinese of the coolie class, however, are constantly traveling between Hongkong and Manila, and it is impossible to determine whether they have resided in the plague-infected community in Hongkong. It has been decided, therefore, to impose restrictions upon steerage passengers and other persons ordinarily traveling in the steerage and proceeding from Hongkong to the Philippine Islands.

**ST. LUCIA ISLAND.****Appointment of Service Representative.**

On July 29, 1911, Acting Asst. Surg. Morris Morganstein was directed to proceed to the port of Castries, St. Lucia, for duty in the office of the American consul at that port in connection with the signing of bills of health and the inspection and, when necessary, the fumigation of vessels bound for United States ports from Castries, and also of vessels from South American ports bound to the United States via the port of Castries.

**TRINIDAD.****POR T OF SPAIN—Sanitary Conditions.**

Acting Asst. Surg. Layton reports, July 8:

No quarantinable diseases are reported present at this port or in the island. Leprosy is not uncommon, but as soon as a case is discovered it is removed to the Government leper asylum, where, as shown by the last report, issued March, 1910, there were 273 cases present. No case of plague has occurred since May 5, and every precaution is taken against its recrudescence.